

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to promoting improved quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through their efforts in the field of public safety; and

Whereas, the Cottleville Fire Protection District was founded in 1908 as a one-station volunteer fire department in the city of Cottleville, whose residents paid a seventy-five cent fee in order to receive fire protection services from hand-drawn equipment; and

Whereas, during 2008 the officers and members of the Cottleville Fire Protection District are celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the establishment of their organization, which today covers thirty-eight square miles of Saint Charles County and includes a residential population of more than 40,000 and a daytime population above 100,000; and

Whereas, the forty-two full-time firefighters of the Cottleville Fire Protection District respond to nearly 3,000 calls each year, including such events as fires, automobile crashes, medical emergencies, hazardous material incidents, and such highly specialized rescues as those involving confined space, swift water, high angles, or trench and building collapse; and

Whereas, many of the Cottleville Fire Protection District firefighters are also certified as paramedics or emergency medical technicians; and

Whereas, in addition to unincorporated areas of Saint Charles County, the Cottleville Fire Protection District includes the cities of Cottleville, Weldon Springs, O'Fallon, Saint Peters, and Dardenne Prairie, and its Saint Charles County Special Operations Task Force responds to disasters in Missouri and Illinois; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri public safety institutions as the Cottleville Fire Protection District at momentous times in their histories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Cottleville Fire Protection District and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of their public safety organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Cottleville Fire Protection District.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14

Representative Doug Funderburk
District No. 12

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker